

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application in view of the aforementioned amendments and the following remarks. By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 2 without prejudice and disclaimer, amended claims 3 and 7-15, and added claims 16-23.

I. Claims 3-7 Are In Condition For Allowance

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, dependent claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of the base claim 1 and is now in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 3 is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Amended claims 3-7, which contain allowable subject matter, depend from allowable claim 3 and are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Accordingly, entry of these amendments and withdrawal of the objections to claims 3-7 are respectfully requested.

II. Claims 12-14 Particularly Point Out and Distinctly Claim the Invention

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the

subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner states that the phrases, "change means" in claim 12, "layout-information change means" and "layout display means" in claims 13 and 14 lacked antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, entry of the amendments and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Claims 1, 2 and 8-14 are Patentable Over Morgan

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 8-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims, as currently pending, are not anticipated by Morgan.

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Thus, this rejection to claim 1 is now moot. Claim 2 has been rewritten as claim 16 to depend on allowable claim 3. Claims 8-10, which were originally dependent from claim 1, have been amended to depend from allowable claim 3. Since claims 8-10 and 16, depend from allowable claim 3, such claims incorporate all the limitations of claim 3 and are thus not anticipated by Morgan and are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The present invention as recited in independent claim 11 provides that the camera symbols are changed on the layout-display means when the initial statuses of the camera apparatuses are placed in the physical area. By virtue of the above characteristic, the

setting of display-statuses of camera symbols corresponding to camera apparatuses, which are placed in the physical area, on the layout-display means become easier. Further, the initial status information of the camera symbols are easily accessible because the status information are stored in a storage means.

On the other hand, Morgan does not disclose setting of initial status of a camera symbol. Further, the apparatus disclosed in Morgan requires a longer time for starting up the apparatus, because the controller has to initially collect data from the plurality of camera apparatus.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Morgan fails to disclose or suggest each element of independent claim 11. Since claims 12-14, as currently pending, depend from claim 11, such claims incorporate all the limitations of claim 11 and are, thus, not anticipated by Morgan. Accordingly, claims 11-14 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

IV. Claim 15 is Patentable Over Morgan in view of McGahan

The Examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Morgan in view of McGahan.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Morgan nor McGahan disclose, teach or suggest the step of storing the initial statuses of the camera symbols much less

having an output means for outputting these information, as required by claim 15.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 15 is distinguishable from the cited references and is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendment, withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the aforementioned amendments and reconsideration of the instant application in view of the aforementioned remarks. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently-pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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